

REMARKS

After entry of this response, Claims 1, 3, 5 and 8 remain pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended and claim 2 is cancelled. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration by the Examiner in light of the following remarks.

I. Rejection Under 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,561,443 to Hogrefe, et al. ("Hogrefe"). Applicant respectfully traverses.

In the advisory action, the Examiner states that claim 2 "merely requires [the telemetry circuit to] be capable of being powered by the clinical instrument power source." Applicant has amended the claim to clarify that the telemetry unit is indeed powered by the clinical instrument power source. Further, claim 2 has been cancelled and the amended subject matter incorporated into Claim 1. Hogrefe fails to disclose that a connector of the module allows an electrical power source included in the clinical instrument to be connected to power the telemetry circuit of the module, as set forth in amended Claim 1 of the present application. Hence, for at least this reason, the claims of the present application are patentably distinguishable from Hogrefe. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections to the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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